to wall" basis. The Archaeological Survey of India has been requesting the National Museum for the early return of these pieces to the Site Museum at Konark.

(d) Some art objects were obtained from the State Museum in Bhubaneswar by the National Museum, New Delhi. All of these art objects have since been returned to the State Museum.

Rules governing public schools

982. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any rules governing payment of tuition fee, selection of teachers, office standards and donations in public schools in Delhi;

(b) what kind of supervision the education department exercise on these institutions; and

(c) whether Government are aware of complaints of high fees, indiscipline and lack of care in teaching the students; if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Tuition fee, selection of teachers, office standards and donations in the recognised schools are regulated by Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and Delhi School Education Rules, 1973.

(b) and (c) The supervision of recognised schools is exercised by way of inspections, process of recognition and affiliation and monitoring under Delhi School Education Rules, 1973. When any specific case of malpractice comes to the notice of educational authorities in Delhi Administration, remedial action as provided under the Act and Rules is taken.

SC/ST Employees in Railways

983. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of officers and employees in Class-I and Class-II gazetted jobs of Indian Railways belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively, category-wise;

(b) what is the required minimum percentage of SC and ST employees in Class-I and Class-II jobs respectively in Indian Railways;

(c) the manner in which the backlog is proposed to be filled up; and

(d) what has been the improvement (percentage-wise) in this regard during the last three years i.e. has the percentage of SC|ST employees in Class-I and II jobs steadily gone up during the last three years, if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The actual percentage as on 31.3.1987 for Group A (Class-I) were 11.0 per cent for SC and 2.95 per cent for ST and for Group B (Class-II), 15.4 per cent for SC and 3.25 per cent for ST.

(b) Minimum Prescribed Percentages are 15 per cent for SC and 7.5 per cent for ST.

(c) The recruitment in Group A (Class-I) is made through Union Public Service Commission, who are advised the quotas required. In Group B posts the prescribed percentage has been achieved in respect of Scheduled Castes on all railway basis. For ST backlog, efforts are being continued to fill it up.

(c) The percentages of representation of SCs|STs during the last three years are as follows:

Group A (Class-I)

Year	%age of SCs	%age STs
1984-85	10 8	2 69
1985-86	11.4	2.76
1986-87	11.0	2.95

Group B (Class-II)

Year	%age of SCs	%age of STs
1984-85	13 2	2 88
1985-86	14.9	3.04
1986-87	15 4	3 25

There is steady increase in the representation of SCs|STs except for slight decrease in the representation of SCs in 1986-87 in Group A, due to retirements.

Sati committed by a woman in U.P.

984. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 28 years old woman has committed Sati in Kheria Mishra village in Lalitpur district in Uttar Pradesh on 10th January, 1988; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) It was reported in the Press on the 12th of January, 1988 a twenty eight year old woman had reportedly committed Sati in Kheria Mishra village in Lalitpur district in Uttar Pradesh on the 10th January, 1988.

The State Government of U.P., which had promptly initiated investigation into the matter, reported on the 14th January that the investigations made so far reveal that the incident was not an act of Sati. However, the Criminal Investigation Department of the State Government has started further investigation of the case, which is in progress.

Delhi population having iodine deficiency

985. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the Hindustan Times of 19th January, 1988 under the caption "One third Delhites iodine-deficient";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government propose to earmark special funds for this purpose and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, the Government has seen the news item appeared in the Hindustan Times of 19th January, 1988.

Sample surveys conducted by the Directorate General of Health Services have revealed that nearly 29 per cent of the population examined, suffered from iodine